

CHAPTER 51**(SJR 20)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to report on the number of untested sexual assault examination kits in the possession of Kentucky law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

WHEREAS, the successful prosecution of sexual offenses and serial sexual offenders is vital to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice estimates that there are approximately 100,000 backlogged sexual assault examination kits awaiting testing throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, preventing a backlog of untested sexual assault examination kits is essential to the administration of justice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Auditor of Public Accounts is directed to study the number of sexual assault examination kits collected pursuant to KRS 216B.400 that have not been sent to the Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory for either serology or deoxyribonucleic acid testing and deliver a report to the Legislative Research Commission on that subject no later than November 1, 2015. Every Kentucky law enforcement and prosecutorial agency responsible for the collection, storage, and maintenance of sexual assault examination kits pursuant to KRS 216B.400 shall report to the Auditor of Public Accounts the number of all such kits in their custody that have not been sent to the Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory for either serology or deoxyribonucleic acid testing and include in the report the date each kit was collected by September 1, 2015. No report generated pursuant to this section shall contain any personal or indentifying information of any victim.

Signed by Governor March 23, 2015.